



**CORRECTED
FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

HB 1188 - SB 1177

April 13, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (005149): Requires each local education agency (LEA) and public charter school to require students in grades five and eight to complete one semester of Tennessee history beginning with the 2026-27 school year.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

The Department of Education and the State Board of Education submitted updated information. The fiscal memorandum, issued on March 15, 2023, is being updated as follows:

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Other Fiscal Impact – Requiring Tennessee history to be taught in both the fifth and eighth grades may increase local expenditures. However, due to multiple unknown variables a precise mandatory increase in local expenditures cannot be reasonably determined. *

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Grade five currently contains content within its standards that overlaps with other mandated course content outlined in Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-1028.
- Tennessee Code Annotated § 49-1-311(b)(1) requires the State Board of Education (SBE) to ensure that the standards review and development committees and advisory teams review the standards for English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies at least once every six years from the last adoption.
- The social studies standards revision is currently underway.
- Schools budget annually for the purchasing of textbooks and instructional materials that must align with the academic standards approved by the SBE.
- Schools must implement the revised social studies standards and adopt textbooks that align with those standards for the 2026-27 school year.
- The final contents of the revised social studies standards are not known, but requiring an additional semester course in eighth grade will result in shifting current coursework among other grades. Further, the new and shifting coursework could necessitate purchasing new textbooks.
- However, due to multiple unknown variables, including: the types of textbooks and materials used at different schools; the level to which current standards revisions can incorporate the new course; and the extent to which course curriculum will shift among

various grade levels, any mandatory increase in local expenditures cannot be quantified with reasonable certainty.

- The SBE will be able to incorporate the changes to social studies standards within existing resources budgeted for the standards review cycle.

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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